

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of
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BACKPRINTING ASSEMBLY
FOR A PHOTOGRAPHIC
PRINTER

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Sir:

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

In response to the Office Action dated December 6, 2006, review and reconsideration in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicants thank Examiner Tran for the withdrawal of all previous rejections in view of Applicants' comments submitted September 28, 2006.

As described in the last response, the claimed invention includes a backprinting assembly, or method of using the same, wherein the backprinting assembly is a movable ink jet printhead which is movable between at least a printing position to print on the back side of the photographic media, and a priming position where the printhead is pressurized to a prime pressure sufficient to force a stream of ink through discharge jets of the printhead such that dried ink and debris are ejected through the discharge jets of the printhead, as described at least on page 8, lines 5-9. That is, the force removing the debris and dried ink comes from within the printhead.